

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is submitted in response to rejections under 35 USC Section 112 regarding claims 10 and 11. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to refer to the users who are undergoing the registration process as non-registered users as opposed to a registered user referred to in claim 1 as simply a "user". No new matter has been added to claims 9 and 10 and the amendments are merely to clarify the claims and to adopt the suggestion of the Examiner set forth on page 2 of the Office Action.

Claims 2-24 stand rejected as obvious over the combination of Denious (U.S. Patent No. 6,622,003) in view of Hartrick (U.S. Patent No. 5,532,920). This ground of rejection was discussed with the Examiner during a telephone conference on February 28, 2006. It was agreed that Denious is not a reference because the earliest effective filing date of the reference is August 14, 2000 which is subsequent to the filing date of the present application (July 13, 2000) and the provisional application (December 13, 1999) which forms the basis of Applicant's priority claim. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 2-24 under 35 USC Section 103(e) is improper and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early passage to issue is therefore deemed proper and is respectfully requested.

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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this matter. However, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

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